

What is claimed is:

1           1.       A washing machine control method comprising steps of:

2               proceeding a user-selected wash course for a predetermined time after supplying  
3       water to a washing machine according to a first water level set based on an amount of laundry  
4       in the washing machine;

5               sensing a second water level corresponding to the predetermined time of the wash  
6       course;

7               calculating a water level reduction rate based on the set first water level and the  
8       sensed second water level;

9               determining an optimum water re-supply amount by comparing the calculated water  
10      level reduction rate to a predetermined value; and

11              completing the user-selected wash course after re-supplying water to the washing  
12      machine according to the optimum water re-supply amount.

1           2.       The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising steps of:

2               re-supplying the water according to the first water level, if the calculated water level  
3       reduction rate is less than the predetermined value; and

4               re-supplying the water according to a third water level, if the calculated water level  
5       reduction rate is not less than the predetermined value.

1           3.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the third water level is greater  
2       than the first water level.

1           4.       The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sensing and calculating steps  
2   are each repeated, to obtain an average rate of water level reduction, and wherein the user-  
3   selected wash course is reset based on the average rate of water level reduction.

1           5.       The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the said sensing and calculating  
2   steps are each repeated three times.

1           6.       The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the said sensing and calculating  
2   steps are each repeated four times.

1           7.       The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water levels are sensed by  
2   sensing a variation of a water pressure of the water in the washing machine.